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Attention: Agenda Preparation

FROM: JENNIFER A.D. LEHMAN *JADL*
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RE: **Eduardo Armas v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
United States District Court Case No. CV 14-01356

Attached is the Agenda entry for the Los Angeles County Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board's recommendation in the above-referenced matter. Also attached is the Case Summary for the case.

It is requested that this recommendation and the Case Summary be placed on the Board of Supervisors' agenda of August 11, 2015.

JADL

Attachments

Board Agenda

MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

Los Angeles County Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board's recommendation: Authorize settlement of the matter entitled Eduardo Armas, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al. United States District Court Case No. CV 14-01356 in the amount of \$500,000, and instruct the Auditor-Controller to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Sheriff's Department Contract Cities Trust Fund's budget.

This lawsuit concerns allegations of excessive force and false arrest by Sheriff's Deputies.

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

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| CASE NAME | Eduardo Armas v. County of Los Angeles, et al. |
| CASE NUMBER | CV 14-01356 |
| COURT | United States District Court |
| DATE FILED | April 4, 2013 |
| COUNTY DEPARTMENT | Sheriff's Department |
| PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT | \$ 500,000 |
| ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF | Homer L. Harris, Esq. |
| COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY | Joseph A. Langton Principal Deputy County Counsel |
| NATURE OF CASE | <p>This is a recommendation to settle for \$500,000, the lawsuit filed by Plaintiff Eduardo Armas alleging excessive force by Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Deputies.</p> <p>The Deputies contend that the force used was reasonable and in response to Mr. Armas' actions.</p> <p>Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a reasonable settlement at this time will avoid further litigation costs. Therefore, a full and final settlement of the case in the amount of \$500,000 is recommended.</p> |
| PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE | \$ 89,386 |
| PAID COSTS, TO DATE | \$ 12,168 |